

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

I. ESTIMATED WINTER LAMBING, 1939.

Lambs marked 2,900,000 (2,950,000) decrease 50,000. 70 (73)%.

DIVISION	NO. OF EWES MATED	LAMBS MARKED	
		Total No.	Percent to Ewes
Central	960,000	720,000	75
Lower North	720,000	540,000	75
Upper North	390,000	255,000	65
South Eastern	520,000	415,000	80
Western	730,000	400,000	55
Murray Mallee	420,000	295,000	70
Total Counties 1939	3,740,000	2,625,000	71
1938	3,600,000	2,675,000	74
Outside Counties 1939	410,000	275,000	66
1938	400,000	275,000	69
Total State, 1939	4,150,000	2,900,000	70
1938	4,000,000	2,950,000	73
1937	3,500,000	2,350,000	67
1936	3,350,000	1,980,000	59

The foregoing figures refer only to Winter Lambing, and are exclusive of approximately 250,000 Ewes reported as reserved for Spring Lambing for 1939.

Returns previously received from sheep owners had indicated that approximately 4,480,000 ewes had been mated or reserved for the 1939 winter and spring lambing, but present advices have reduced the total number of ewes mated to approximately 4,400,000.

Including the spring lambing, there should be 3,050,000 lambs marked this year compared with 3,077,634 last year, which was the record.

II. WOOLSCOURING AND FELLMONGERING WORKS. Excluding wool scoured in Woollen mills 13,916,941 (12,104,311) lbs. of greasy wool were treated and 6,114,888 (4,457,178) lbs. scoured wool obtained, average 2.3 (2.7) lbs. greasy to 1 lb. scoured. From sheepskins and pieces stripped, there was obtained the equivalent of 4,414,500 (3,578,000) lbs. of greasy wool.

III. WOOLLEN MILLS, 1938-39. Approximately 1,400,000 (1,750,000) lbs. of greasy wool were used in local woollen mills.

IV. STOCKS OF WOOL &C. JUNE 30th, 1939 held by Woollen Mills, Scourers, and Wool and Skin Merchants were - Greasy Wool 9,578,648 (9,789,814) lbs; Scoured Wool 824,254 (1,014,950) lbs. and Sheep skins with Wool on No. 188,958 (142,894).

V. TOTAL WOOL PRODUCTION, 1938-39. Wool Clip 88,345,467 (74,893,269), Fellmongered 3,656,574 (3,577,837), On skins Exported 9,750,896 (8,135,282), Total Wool Production 101,752,937 (86,606,388) lbs. Total Value £3,858,132 (£4,070,500). Average price per lb. greasy 9.10d (11.28d).

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